

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A recording medium which records a program to be
2 executed on a computer connected to a printer which
3 conducts printing by use of a consumable item, wherein,
4 said program allows the computer to executes,
5 a receiving process which receives from a user
6 an input of a country/region where said printer is
7 used,
8 a storing process which stores a URL (Uniform
9 Resource Locators) being associated with said
10 country/region in the input thus received, with
11 reference to data where the country/region and the URL
12 are associated with each other in advance,
13 an obtaining process which obtains information
14 regarding a consumption degree of the consumable item
15 used in the printer, and
16 an accessing process which accesses a Web site
17 where the consumable item is purchasable, the Web site
18 being identified by said URL thus stored, when the
19 consumption degree meets a standard which is obtained
20 by a predetermined rule.

1 2. A recording medium according to claim 1, wherein,
2 said accessing process which accesses the Web

3 site where the consumable item is purchasable is
4 performed by an instruction from a user.

1 3. A recording medium according to claim 1, wherein,
2 said program allows the computer to execute said
3 receiving process which receives from the user the
4 input of the country/region where said printer is used,
5 and said storing process which stores the URL being
6 associated with the country/region in the input thus
7 received, at a time when said program is installed.

1 4. A recording medium according to claim 1, wherein,
2 said program allows the computer to execute a
3 process for receiving an input of the URL, instead of
4 said receiving process which receives from the user
5 the input of a country/region where said printer is
6 used, and allows the computer to execute a process for
7 storing the URL thus received, instead of said storing
8 process which stores the URL being associated with the
9 country/region in the input thus received.

1 5. A recording medium according to claim 1, wherein,
2 said receiving process which receives from the
3 user the input of the country/region where said printer
4 is used displays the country/region in selectable

5 manner, based on said data where the country/region
6 and the URL (Uniform Resource Locators) are associated
7 with each other in advance.

1 6. A recording medium according to claim 5, wherein,
2 said program further allows the computer to
3 execute a process which obtains country information
4 set in said computer, and said receiving process which
5 receives from the user the input of the country/region
6 where said printer is used displays the country/region
7 under a condition that a country corresponding to the
8 country information thus obtained is being selected.

1 7. A recording medium according to claim 1, wherein,
2 said consumable item is an ink cartridge, and the
3 consumption degree of said consumable item is
4 expressed by an ink remaining amount.

1 8. A printer host connected to a printer which
2 conduct printing by use of a consumable item,
3 comprising,
4 a receiving means which receives from a user an
5 input of a country/region where said printer is used,
6 a storing means which stores a URL being
7 associated with the country/region in the input thus

8 received, with reference to data where the
9 country/region and the URL (Uniform Resource Locators)
10 are associated with each other in advance,
11 an obtaining means which obtains information
12 regarding a consumption degree of the consumable item
13 used in said printer, and
14 an accessing means which accesses a Web site where
15 the consumable item is purchasable, the Web site being
16 identified by the URL thus stored, when the consumption
17 degree meets a standard which is obtained by a
18 predetermined rule.

1 9. A printer host according to claim 8, wherein,
2 said receiving process which receives from the
3 user the input of the country/region where said printer
4 is used displays a country/region in selectable manner,
5 based on said data where the country/region and the
6 URL (Uniform Resource Locators) are associated with
7 each other in advance.

1 10. A printer host according to claim 9, further
2 comprising, a means which obtains country information
3 set in said printer host, and said receiving process
4 which receives from the user the input of the
5 country/region where said printer is used displays the

6 country/region under a condition that a country
7 corresponding to the country information thus obtained
8 is being selected.

1 11. A printer host according to claim 8, wherein,
2 said consumable item is an ink cartridge, and the
3 consumption degree of said consumable item is
4 expressed by an ink remaining amount.

1 12. A method which accesses a Web page where a
2 consumable item is purchasable according to a degree
3 of consumption of the consumable item used in a printer,
4 comprising,
5 a storing process which receives from a user an
6 input of the country/region where said printer is used,
7 and stores a URL being associated in advance with the
8 country/region thus received,
9 an obtaining process which obtains information
10 regarding a consumption degree of said consumable item,
11 and
12 an accessing process which accesses the Web site
13 where the consumable item is purchasable, the Web site
14 being identified by said URL thus stored, when the
15 consumption degree meets a standard which is obtained
16 by a predetermined rule.

1 13. A method which accesses the Web page according
2 to claim 12, wherein,

3 said accessing process which accesses the Web
4 site where said consumable item is purchasable is
5 performed by an instruction from the user.

1 14. A method which accesses the Web page according
2 to claim 12, wherein,

3 said receiving process which receives from the
4 user the input of the country/region where the printer
5 is used displays the country/region in selectable
6 manner, based on data where the country/region and the
7 URL (Uniform Resource Locators) are associated with
8 each other in advance.

1 15. A method which accesses the Web page according
2 to claim 14, further comprising

3 a means which obtains country information set in
4 a printer host, wherein, said receiving process which
5 receives from the user the input of the country/region
6 where the printer is used displays the country/region
7 under a condition that a country corresponding to the
8 country information thus obtained is being selected.

1 16. A method which accesses the Web page according

2 to claim 12, wherein,
3 said consumable item is an ink cartridge and the
4 consumption degree of said consumable item is
5 expressed by an ink remaining amount.